for the welfare of the residents of a new colony in the. initial stages-

(b) whether a new society has been formed by some of the'allottees in Vasant Kunj, Sector-A without giv ing any notice to - all the allottees liivng there; if so, what is the date cf its formation;

(c) whether this society has been registered with the DDA and its ma naging committee elected under the relevant regulations; :f so, what is the date of its registration with the DDA and tha name$_s$ of the members of the managing committee; and

(d) if the answer to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTE'R, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRl DALB!R SINGH): (a) The guidelines regarding formation and registration of an agency are contained in chapter IV of the DDA ({Management & Disposal of Housing Estates) Regulation 1968, which is,.a priced publication available at Counter No. 11 'D' Block, Vikas Sadan, DDA on the cash payment of Rs. 3/-.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Secretary of Resident Welfare Association, Vansat Kunj. Sector-A has applied for get ting the society registered with DDA. DDA has asked him to furnish the essential documents vide their letter dated 9.2.88. But no response has been received from the Secre tary of the Residents Welfare As sociation. The Society woiuld be given a registration certificate only when the documents are received. DDA checks up from the documents that the society represents almost all the allottees and only then issues registration certificate.

(c) No, Sir. The Society has not been registered so- far by DDA.

(d) The society has not been registered because it has not produced documents asked by the DDA.

Tourist arrivals in India

2101. SHRI YALLA SESI BHU SHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleaed to state.

(a) the number of tourist arrivals in India during the year 1987;

(b) whether the National Com-mittee on Tourism set up in July, 1986 has since submitted its report; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRl GIRIDHAR GOMANGO); (a) The number of foreign tourists who visit ed India , during 1987 were 14,84,290 including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The report of the National Committee on Tourism is expected to be submitted by the end of May, 1988. The Committee had to collect inputs from several agencieg including State Governments and commission a number of studies on various aspects of the tourism industry before finalising their recommendations./

Use of biotechnology for boosting, agriculture production

2102. SHRI YALLA SESI BHU SHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bio technology holds great promise for improving agriculture; and

(b) if so, what step$_s$ are being taken by Government to use Biotech nology in the field of Agriculture?